

REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER,

OVERSEERS * OF * THE * POOR,

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY,

AND

TOWN CLERK,

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.

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Report of Town Treasurer.

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CASH RECEIVED.

In hands of Treasurer, Mar. 1, 1889,	\$740 96	
Taxes assessed,	8,709 24	
From State insurance tax,	30 00	
" " railroad tax,	425 28	
" Savings Bank tax,	2,865 32	
Literary fund,	183 82	
Interest on Lawrence fund,	56 00	
Rent on Town Hall,	172 17	
Town of New Boston, school house tax,	12 81	
" " Mont Vernon, " " "	9 60	
Lot sold in cemetery,	6 00	
Town of Merrimack, soldiers aid to Rachel Colston,	47 43	
Received of county,	476 75	
Interest on taxes, 1888,	36 00	
" " " 1889,	17 60	
Received from overseer of poor, (town farm,)	255 66	
" " executor of est. Lucy W. Blunt,	100 00	
" " collector for 1888,	973 33	
		\$15,117 97

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CASH PAID OUT.

State Tax,	\$2,135 00
County Tax,	1,363 38
Town officers,	958 50
Miscellaneous,	1,910 57
Roads and bridges,	1,393 27
Schools,	3,465 82
Snow bills,	57 05
Street lighting,	289 96
Aid to town poor,	166 24
“ “ county “	328 84
Soldiers aid,	913 22
In hands of collector, 1889,	75 41
Principal and interest on notes,	1,162 50
In Treasurer's hands,	898 21
	\$15,117 97

TOWN OFFICERS.

Joseph P. Trow, selectman,	\$160 00
Charles S. Parker, “	55 00
George E. Farley, “	156 00
W. B. Rotch, treasurer,	60 00
Silas Hamilton, collector,	100 00
C. L. Trow, Board of Education,	65 00
H. D. Hicks, “ “	65 00
S. E. Dodge, “ “	45 00
A. A. Rotch, town clerk,	58 00
F. K. Boutelle, sexton,	64 00
William Pratt, moderator,	3 00
Isaac B. Dodge, services on Parkhurst road,	5 00

H. D. Hicks, health officer,	\$6 00	
F. C. Taylor, constable,	2 50	
E. K. Burt, fireward,	5 00	
W. W. Sloan, “	5 50	
W. W. Sloan, clerk of school district,	4 00	
H. M. Parker, police officer,	14 00	
J. E. Upton, supervisor,	5 00	
James F. Weston, “	5 00	
Est. of T. M. Harvell, overseer of poor,	1 50	
“ “ “ services as selectman,	15 00	
C. L. Wilkins, auditing,	3 00	
George F. Hanson, fireward,	5 00	
J. P. Trow, overseer poor,	30 00	
George E. Farley, “	21 00	
		\$958 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cyrus Cross, for memorial day,	\$75 00
H. H. Belden, repairs on road machine bld'g,	10 32
C. E. Wilkins, sheep killed by dogs,	8 00
E. E. Babb & Co., school books,	3 31
A. C. Stocking, “	12 60
D. K. Marvell, varnishing at school house,	4 50
“ “ painting signs,	5 00
Mrs. E. M. Burnham, copying,	10 00
John Hadlock, road machine, edge for same,	258 00
J. P. Trow, freight on road machine,	8 00
Robert Atkinson, drainage,	1 50
J. O. Pulsifer, insurance,	57 00
J. O. Pulsifer, “	20 00
A. A. Rotch, for firemen,	99 00

John Casey, watching fire, old bill,	\$3 00
C. E. Knight, surveying on Parkhurst road,	5 00
I. B. Dodge, wood for town house,	1 25
C. S. & H. M. Parker, “	21 25
D. K. Marvell, lettering guide boards,	3 00
F. C. Taylor, tin roof on town house,	51 36
Est. of H. Eaton, stove & castings, old bill,	27 90
“ “ balance of old acct. old bill,	11 58
“ “ watering west cemetery, “	112 52
James Cochran, repairs of reservoir,	16 00
Mark H. Bennett, watching at fire,	2 50
Samuel Wilkins, mowing common,	4 50
J. H. Coggin, digging grave,	5 00
C. L. Trow, perambulating,	2 50
E. K. Burt, repairs on engine,	2 00
F. C. Taylor, stove pipe, town hall,	3 40
“ labor and supplies at engine house,	21 49
W. B. Rotch, insurance.	12 00
Clark & Sloan, engine house,	20
Charles L. Wilkins, fire dept.	3 03
Boylston & Rotch, printing, etc.,	74 50
Physicians for returning births, deaths, etc.,	22 40
H. M. Parker, care of watering trough,	2 50
“ care of library,	20 00
“ work in east cemetery,	6 00
“ care of town clock,	15 00
“ repair of town clock,	1 00
“ care of town house,	116 75
“ castings for cisterns,	13 65
“ repairing steps at town house,	1 25
“ wood for town house,	2 13
“ sawing wood,	17 00
“ lamp for library,	75

W. B. Rotch, expenses to Concord, Manchester and Nashua,	\$10 00	
Est. of B. B. David, water bill,	26 00	
Amherst Aqueduct Co., "	24 00	
H. E. Hutchinson, "	9 00	
Julia A Hill, "	3 00	
J. G. Hazeltine, "	3 00	
H. S. Boutelle, "	3 00	
W. S. Peaslee, "	3 00	
A. M. Philbrick, "	3 00	
Frank Hartshorn, " 1888, 1889,	6 00	
J. P. Trow, "	3 00	
David Fiske, "	3 00	
M. W. Putnam, "	3 00	
Library Appropriation,	200 00	
E. W. Reed, watching at Foster fire,	2 00	
Heirs of James & John Marvell, land damage, 1887,	20 00	
C. L. Wilkins & Co., school supplies,	56 41	
" town hall supplies,	15 12	
George F. Hanson, repair on road machine,	8 85	
J. P. Nourse, book-case for school house,	17 20	
George E. Farley, stationery and postage,	4 66	
H. M. Parker, lumber and making guide boards,	1 75	
Discount on taxes 1889,	109 45	
Abatements 1888,	11 22	
" 1889,	190 27	
		\$1,910 57

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

L. F. Bills, labor with road machine,	\$200 00
J. H. Upham and sons,	9 72

Martin Campbell,	\$23 75
H. Shattuck,	126 00
William Rhoades,	55 31
J. B. Upham,	10 65
L. F. Bills, work with road machine,	271 49
“ “ “ labor on bridge,	7 00
John Gould,	17 25
H. W. Secombe,	5 24
L. F. Bills, labor with road machine,	11 50
“ “ “ “ “ “ “	91 20
B. F. Whiting,	33 75
E. C. Hubbard,	6 02
J. F. Bills,	26 90
Solomon Prince,	57 00
D. G. Bowen,	3 90
Charles E. Wilking,	20 00
Robert Converse,	34 46
L. F. Bills,	15 50
E. E. Bullard,	1 80
Adams Parkhurst,	6 20
Martin Campbell,	14 10
George E. Farley,	17 30
C. L. Wilkins,	25
E. O. Willoby,	1 05
J. G. Hazeltine, old bill,	12 75
L. F. Bills, Labor on road machine.	150 00
C. L. Wilkins,	1 90
C. S. Parker,	11 55
J. F. Hanson,	7 65
F. W. Chase,	9 45
H. S. Boutelle,	8 00
E. N. Carr,	6 90
A. B. Woodward,	4 20
E. C. Hubbard,	1 50
Robert Converse, old bill,	20 02

Est. of H. Eaton, gravel for highway,	\$2 52	
J. W. Prince,	6 00	
D. W. Trow,	3 00	
H. M. Parker, drawing gravel,	3 00	
J. F. Bills,	5 00	
Geo. E. Parker,	1 95	
Chester Shipley,	11 10	
L. Fuller,	4 65	
J. A. Boutelle,	4 25	
P. S. Barrett,	7 05	
Frank Hartshorn,	4 03	
J. P. Trow,	15 25	
I. A. Batchelder,	4 56	
E. A. Noyes,	15 70	
P. F. Odell,	1 20	
C. S. Parker,	2 75	
		\$313 18

SNOW BILLS.

H. E. Hutchinson,	old bill,	\$3 10
A. E. Chickering,	"	12 45
Alvaro F. Annis,	"	1 05
J. G. Hazeltine,	"	1 20
James Cochran,	"	3 45
J. H. McConihe,	"	2 55
Jacob B. Upham,		1 20
J. F. Hanson,		45
H. Shattuck, snowing bridge,		6 00
Wm. Rhodes,		6 90
P. S. Barrett,		1 50
J. P. Trow,		1 40

Geo. K. Walker, clearing sidewalks,	\$10 00	
L. F. Bills, old snow bill,	5 80	
	<u> </u>	\$57 05

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid to F. T. Sawyer,	interest,	\$77 50	
“ “ Abby F. Bosworth,	“	25 00	
“ “ A. A. Rotch,	“	60 00	
“ “ F. T. Sawyer,	principal,	1,000 00	
		<u> </u>	\$1,162 50

SOLDIER'S AID.

Edson Davis,	\$144 00	
Alden B. Bennett,	72 00	
Nancy J. Wetherbee,	104 00	
James P. Webster,	175 22	
Abbie E. Hassell,	142 00	
Otis Bills,	213 00	
Procter Gay,	3 00	
Oliver N. Willoby,	60 00	
	<u> </u>	\$913 22

AID TO COUNTY POOR.

To Benjamin Jepson,	\$63 90
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Mrs. R. Cutter,	\$9 45	
Julia Pettingill,	5 00	
Higgin Family,	87 81	
Emma F. Lord,	68 00	
Mrs. A. Story,	30 00	
Jacob Clark,	18 00	
Town Farm, Board and Clothing for		
Walter Cram,	46 68	
		\$328 84

AID TO TOWN POOR.

Albert Rhoades, board at County Farm,	\$70 72	
Jane Green,	62 25	
William Woods,	25 77	
Charles Merrill, old bill,	7 50	
		\$166 24

COST OF LIGHTING STREETS.

W. D. Forsaith, street lamps,	\$20 50	
S. Wilkins, labor and supplies,	267 96	
H. M. Parker, lamp post,	1 50	
		\$289 96

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

A. A. Rotch, date March 2, 1888,	\$1,000 00
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Abby F. Bosworth, date April 28, 1888,	\$500 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,500 00

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received by treasurer,	\$15,117 97
" " paid out "	14,219 76
In hands of treasurer,	\$898 21
In hands of collector, 1889,	75 41
Due from county,	714 61
Note due the town,	79 50
	\$1,767 73
Notes outstanding against town, with interest,	1,580 00
To the town's credit,	\$187 73
Amount of dog tax for 1889, in treasurer's hands,	\$128 00.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. ROTCH, TREAS.

We hereby certify that we have examined the forgoing accounts of the Town Treasurer for the town of Amherst the present year, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN, }	AUDITORS.
FRANK L. JUNKINS, }	

Amherst, March 3, 1890.

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RECEIPTS AT TOWN FARM.

D. Whiting & Sons, 6788 cans milk,	\$1,570 39
Butter,	8 41
Eggs,	48 27
Poultry,	17 73
Potatoes,	74 86
Calves,	15 90
Beans,	8 43
Skim milk,	65
Paper rags and bags,	4 44
Labor off the Farm & use of manure spreader,	78 57
Vegetables,	2 36
Use of bull,	3 00
Old horse rake,	3 00
Lodging peddlers.	3 50
Boarders,	200 58
Pork,	93 95

Beef,	\$46 12	
Stave timber shingles, etc.,	42 52	
Grain,	152 27	
Old iron,	1 28	
Board and clothes for W. D. Cram,	46 68	
Lumber,	104 53	
		\$2,527 44

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM.

T. S. Merrow and wife, services as supt.	\$400 00
John Hurlihy, labor	107 45
William Hill, "	48 62
E. O. Willoby, " and use of sulky plow,	14 47
W. J. Harwood drawing in logs and stack- ing boards,	28 63
Husking corn and labor on farm,	80 05
Washing and labor in the house,	26 35
Andrews, Woods & Co., grain,	413 84
Boston & Lowell R. R. Freight,	11 71
H. H. Belden, grain,	261 33
Clark & Sloan, phosphate, groceries etc.,	47 32
C. B. Jackman, sewer pipe, cement etc.,	22 85
John A. Boutelle, pasturing	40 00
" use of corn planter,	4 00
" rye,	2 70
John H. Coggin, pasturing young cattle,	17 00
J. M. Currier, " one heifer,	4 00
J. H. McConnihc, " cows,	11 70
Filing saws,	60
Levi Howard's funeral expenses,	13 70

H. D. Hicks, M. D., attendance on Howard and Fred,	\$4 00
Emerson & Sons, ice chest and chair bottom,	8 77
Frank D. Laton, beef,	7 67
D. Whiting & Sons, tank butter, ice and skim milk,	41 65
J. Hadlock, scythe for mowing machine,	4 25
H. H. Barber, covering for sofa,	35
E. C. Batchelder, dry goods,	7 27
R. G. Powers, skim milk,	30
F. C. Taylor, wood pump,	6 00
J. A. Ober, clothes for Fred,	2 75
D. T. Buttrick, horse rake,	23 00
Henry Parker, cabbage and tomato plants,	70
Parker, 1 pr. tennis for Cram,	40
Merrill, shoes for Fred,	1 00
Mop stick and clothes pins,	26
Litchfield's vanquisher,	1 00
J. E. Webster, clock,	3 00
Cheasey, 2 heifers,	37 00
J. P. Trow, 1 cow,	30 00
Wheeler, crackers,	48
Horse radish,	10
Lyford & Kendall, cheese,	45
Barr & Co., rake and fork,	1 00
A. M. Philbrick, maple syrup,	85
Apple parers,	1 00
F. L. Junkins, butter,	28
W. F. French, barbed wire and garden seeds,	22 53
Avery & Sargent, tin ware and repairing,	5 05
Shattuck & Chase, seed corn,	2 50
J. M. Jackson, butchering, berries, etc.,	8 14
T. S. Merrow, apples,	50
W. Chase, fish and oysters,	6 43
George K. Walker, beef, pork, etc.,	39 95

H. C. Dodge, extracts,	\$	94	
Stationery,		57	
Simon Ayers, potatoes,		1	75
Blacksmith work,		18	45
C. L. Wilkins, phosphate, groceries, etc.,		113	34
O. N. Willoby, carrying 6788 cans milk,		67	88
C. E. Kendall, pigs,		6	00
“ new gearing and repair on mauure spreader,		15	40
“ grain and grinding,		105	50
C. Cross, sawing boards and shingles,		85	10
H. H. Belden, grinding,		6	90
David Whittier, labor,		25	00
Cash paid Town Treasurer,		255	66
			\$757 51
Personal property on hand Feb. 1890,			\$3,877 75
“ “ “ “ Feb. 1889,			3,493 75
			\$384 00
Cash paid Town Treasurer,			255 66
Net income of farm,			\$639 66
Due for Feb. milk bill,	\$124	25	
“ from F. J. Fuller,		37	00
No. of poor at farm, 1.			
No. of tramps lodged, 45.			

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. TROW, } Overseers
GEO. E. FARLEY, } of poor.

Amherst, N. H., March 3, 1890. We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN, } Auditors.
FRANK L. JUNKINS, }

Inventory of Personal Property at Town Farm.

37 Tons English hay,	\$518 00
19 " stock hay,	152 00
Corn fodder,	50 00
29 Cows,	1100 00
9 Heifers,	135 00
1 Bull,	15 00
Gluten & Meal,	14 40
Seed corn,	6 00
700 bu. corn,	210 00
2 Horses,	400 00
2 shoats,	10 00
35 hens,	17 50
Mowing machine,	40 00
Manure spreader,	80 00
Farm wagon,	55 00
2 Carts,	56 00
2 Wagons & sleighs,	90 00
Horse Rake,	22 00
Farming tools,	165 00
Harnesses & Robes,	40 00
13 M. shingles,	26 00
Lumber,	2 00
18 cords wood,	36 00
22 " stove wood,	66 00
26500 ft. boards,	212 00
50 bu. potatoes,	40 00
Beans & peas,	10 00
Milk tank,	11 00
18 flour bbls.	3 60
Vinegar,	6 50
Household goods,	225 00
Provisions,	35 00
35 tons ice,	27 00
Sweet corn,	1 00
Salt,	75
	\$3877 75

Report of Trustees of Town Library.

In submitting the eleventh annual report of the condition and the working of the town library, the trustees have the satisfaction of saying, that the books are in good order and the circulation reaches a larger number of readers than ever before. Valuable additions have enriched our shelves and a demand is created for a better class of books.

The Board was organized by the choice of Rev. J. G. Davis, president, and Miss L. B. Myrick, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Ellen M. Burnham was appointed librarian.

TRUSTEES.

John Fletcher, Miss L. B. Myrick,	}	Term expires March, 1890.
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J. G. Davis, Mrs. E. W. Nichols,	}	Term expires March, 1891.
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W. B. Rotch, Miss E. J. Stearns,	}	Term expires March, 1892.
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At the last annual meeting the town appropriated \$200 for the maintenance of the Library; amount received from fines and sale of Catalogues \$4,10; balance in hands of treasurer from last year's account \$10,73, and cash recently paid for duplicate volumes sold \$15,00, which makes a total of \$229,83.

The expenditures have been as follows; for current expenses including services of Librarian, \$53,62; for binding books and

periodicals, \$18,00 ; for the purchase of books, \$125,87 ; and for three magazines \$8,70 ; balance, \$23,64.

An hundred and thirty-two volumes have been added to the Library during the year ; one hundred and nineteen by purchase, one to fill place of a worn out volume, and thirteen by gift, which added to the previous collection,—makes a total of eighteen hundred and eighty-six volumes.

Books presented to the Library:

History of the Town of Peterborough, N. H.

History of the Town of Haverhill, N. H.

Report and collections of the Historical Society of Wisconsin.

The New Hamp. Federal Convention of 1788, by J. B. Walker.

Johnson's Mathematical Studies.

Naval Monument, by Abel Stevens.

Recollections of Lafayette.

In all nine volumes, with fifteen pamphlets, from
Daniel F. Secomb.

Biographical Sketches of members of the New Hampshire Legislature and members of the last Constitutional Convention, from

J. G. Davis.

The home and its surroundings, from

Geo. A. Worcester.

General Meeting of the Am. Library Association, held at St. Louis, Mo., from

Dr. Edw. Aiken.

Album of Agricultural Statistics, from

J. R. Dodge.

New Englander and Yale Review for 1890,

J. G. Davis.

From the Minutes of the Librarian, it appears, that the average issue of books per week was fifty-nine, making an aggregate circulation of three thousand and fifty-six during the year. One hundred and twenty-two families are represented as patrons of the Library,—the largest number recorded. In addition to the labor of procuring lists of books from which to make purchases, the Board has held six meetings, in which to decide on the merits of the selections and to transact business.

The need of a larger apartment for the use of the Library is becoming more urgent every year. It would relieve the Town officers of some inconvenience and greatly promote the comfort of all who frequent the Library, if more generous accommodations were provided.

A desire has been often expressed that a suitable building might be erected in a central location for the use of the Library. Such a building would be an ornament to the village, an attraction to visitors, and a safe depository for maps, books, manuscripts and documents relating to the town and its families. The expense to our citizens would not be large as there are individuals who would make liberal contributions to this object if the town would assume the care and direction of the enterprise. We commend the subject to the favorable consideration of all interested in the welfare and progress of the town we live in.

The report of the Treasurer, Miss L. B. Myrick, duly audited, is herewith submitted :

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By balance in treasury,	\$10 73	
cash from town,	200 00	
finer and sale of catalogues,	4 10	
duplicate books sold,	15 00	
		\$229 83

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To books purchased, bills on file,	\$125 87	
Harpers, Century and Granite Monthly		
Magazines,	8 70	
binding,	18 00	
printing notices,	1 00	
services of librarian,	50 00	
postage and incidentals,	2 62	
balance on hand,	23 64	
		\$229 83

CLERK'S RECORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1889.

BIRTHS.

Jan. 18, Charles Richards, a son to Geo. E. and Mary J. Parker.

Feb. 6, Morris Ray, a son to John H. and Jessie R. Harvell.

April 27, Henry T., a son to Luther B. and Nellie S. Converse.

May 20, Lulu Blanche, a daughter to Edson E. and Fannie J. Davis.

May 23, a son to Arthur A. and Mary A. Bills.

Aug. 5, Aaron Wallace, a son to A. Milton and Lucy E. Wilkins.

Aug. 15, Esther Amelia, a daughter to Herbert D. and Estelle L. Hicks.

Sept. 3, James, a son to James H. and Hannah Broderick.

Sept. 4, Agnes Gertrude, a daughter to Daniel and Johanna Buckley.

Oct. 22, Edith Marion, a daughter to Robert and Mary E. Converse.

Oct. 27, a daughter to Harvey H. and Lucy A. Piper.

Nov. 18, Jennie Emma, a daughter to George E. and Cora B. Holbrook.

Nov. 19, a son to George E. and Sarah E. Towne.

Total 13.

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 1, Alfred E. Murphy of St. Louis, Mo., and Lucy Rogers, of Amherst.

Jan. 5, Edward Berry of Amherst, and Isabelle Trumbell of Lowell, Mass.

Feb. 1, George H. Day and Nellie E. Riddle, both of Amherst.

March 28, Charles E. Hagar of Milford and Ida M. Farley of Amherst.

Aug. 28, Leon L. Junkins of Amherst and Nellie M. Dean of Francestown.

Sept. 23, Simon M. Morse and Minday S. Whiting, both of Amherst.

Oct. 20, William A. Bryant and Jennie E. Stewart, both of Amherst.

Total 7.

DEATHS.

Jan. 4, Sophrona M. Knight, aged 52 years, 9 months, 19 days.

Jan. 6, Charles O. Morrill, aged 34 years, 4 months, 8 days.

Feb. 4, Bryant Melendy, aged 88 years, 2 months, 13 days.

Feb. 24, Luther B. Cawley, aged 53 years, 3 months.

March 4, Stephen H. Gilson, aged 61 years, 9 months, 21 days.

March 9, Harrison Eaton, aged 71 years, 3 months.

March 11, George W. Nichols, aged 76 years, 11 months.

March 12, Hannah W. Roby, aged 68 years, 9 months, 6 days.

April 11, Louisa Osgood, aged 80 years, 8 months.

April 7, Levi Howard, aged 83 years, 11 months, 15 days.

April 17, Frankie Doyle, aged 11 months.

May 3, Franklin Abbott, aged 81 years, 8 months.

May 18, Gilbert Hamblett, aged 67 years, 11 months.

July 17, Horace W. Keyes, aged 73 years, 5 months.
 July 22, Ezra W. Peacock, aged 71 years, 6 months.
 Sept. 22, Mary E. Herrick, aged 69 years, 3 months, 11 days.
 Sept. 29, Mary Ann Higgins, aged 30 years, 5 months.
 Oct. 12, Mary A. Moulton, aged 64 years, 3 months, 20 days.
 Oct. 19, Robert Boutell, aged 86 years, 4 months, 6 days.
 Oct. 30, Sarah T. Hubbard, aged 66 years, 8 months.
 Nov. 18, Rebecca E. Clark, aged 86 years, 2 months, 10 days.
 Total 21.

The following named persons, who died outside the limits of our town, were brought to Amherst for interment:

George W. Batchelder, at Nashua, Jan. 20.
 Rufus B. Lovejoy, at Westfield, Mass., Feb. 26.
 Marion A. Maxwell, at Lowell, Mass., March 14.
 Rebecca W. Colby, at Lowell, Mass., April 21.
 Leona M. Brown, at Bedford, Aug. 4.
 Isaac F. Caldwell, at Nashua, Sept. 12.
 Emily M. Wilson, at Orange, N. J., Sept. 26.
 Elizabeth L. Alexander, at Milford, Nov. 3.
 James Batchelder, at Nashua, Dec. 7.
 Lester M. Rogers, at Revere, Mass.

A. A. ROTCH, Town Clerk.

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ORGANIZATION.

At the annual meeting of the district, held on the 14th of March, 1889, S. E. Dodge was re-elected a member of the School Board for the term of three years.

March 16th the Board organized.

C. L. Trow was chosen President.

H. D. Hicks, M. D., was appointed Treasurer.

S. E. Dodge, Secretary.

C. L. Trow was appointed to purchase fuel and school supplies.

The supervision of the different schools was divided among the members of the Board.

REMARKS.

The progress of time again makes it our duty to present to the District our annual report for the year ending March 1st, 1890.

We assumed the duties of the office conscious of their importance and desirous of performing them to the best of our ability.

We have made no radical departure in the management of

our schools for the past year, but have striven to make them as good as possible with the money at our disposal. Taken as a whole we think the past year has been a prosperous one for the schools of Amherst, and that good improvement has been made. And as we look forward to their possibilities and think what they might be, there is certainly encouragement to renewed labor in their behalf in the future.

Our school year, in all of the schools excepting the High school, has been necessarily two weeks shorter than last because of the small amount of money raised by the District for school purposes. As the principal of the High school for the first two terms was hired by the term, and was willing to have 11 weeks constitute a term's work, so that two weeks extra schooling was of no additional expense to the District, the school year has been four weeks longer in this than in the other schools through the town. Believing it better to decrease the number of weeks rather than to hire cheaper teachers, shortened terms became a necessity.

We hope those directly interested in the cause of education, and especially the parents who have children to send, will be present at the school meeting and have a voice in the amount of money raised, and not allow those to do as they may wish, who are not directly interested in educational matters, and who think only of how much their individual tax will be.

This is for you to decide, and upon your decision must depend the length of the school year.

Many of our schools have been quite small for the past year, so that the cost per capita, has been larger than in many towns in this section. But as our town is so situated that none of them could well be dispensed with, all have been maintained and the cost made as reasonable as possible.

As will be seen by our report the cost for each scholar has been considerably less this year than last.

We have endeavored to retain each teacher as long as seem-

ed practicable in the same school, to make no more changes than were necessary and, whenever possible to hire teachers from our own town.

Our teachers generally have shown a progressive spirit and a desire to adopt advanced methods of teaching, and to their efforts is largely due the success of our schools for the past year.

The manner of teaching has changed considerably within a comparatively few years. Instead of merely memorizing facts, the scholar is required to give an explanation of each truth learned, and not only to repeat the words of the text, but to show that he possesses a thorough understanding of the subject. This makes the labor of the teacher harder, but much more real progress is made, and classes where the scholars take no interest and the lessons drag are much less frequent.

We hope to see this system adopted in our schools much more in the future than in the past, and believe that the more the scholar is taught to reason and reflect for himself the more good will his schooling do.

As the average scholar receives only about 250 weeks of schooling it should be our aim to have that schooling do the greatest possible amount of good. And those studies should be taken up and those methods adopted which will best develop the mind and prove of the greatest benefit in after life. We can not close our report without once again urging upon parents that they make an endeavor to visit our schools more for the coming year than they have done in the past. Your presence will incite the scholars to better work as they see your interest in their studies, and feel that you appreciate their efforts.

There is nothing which our best teachers more desire than a word of advise and encouragement from the parents.

In conclusion allow us to return our hearty thanks to all persons who have co-operated with us to make our labors pleasant for the past year.

REPAIRS.

Of the amount at our disposal for necessary repairs, the sum of \$361.34, has been expended, leaving a balance of \$44.60 unexpended. The cornices, belfry, doors, blinds and trimmings of the village school have been painted in contrasting colors, and the roof entirely shingled. New shingles have also been placed on one half the roof of No. 6, as also No. 5. Number 10, has been painted inside and out, and newly papered. A floor has been laid at No. 5, replacing the old one which was in bad repair.

The majority of the District schools need repainting outside, and a number of them inside. Some new plastering is needed in No. 1.

Modern school furniture is necessary in the houses that have not yet been supplied, and also seats in the High school, in which also a portion of the flooring beneath the chairs will have to be replaced.

Too many windows are broken by carelessness or mischief, and other damage done; the cost of repairs should be assessed upon the doers.

ATTENDANCE.

The Selectmen in their census for 1889, found 196 children between the ages of 5 and 15 years; 100 were boys and 96 girls. The whole number found upon the school register who attended school the past year, also the average daily attendance, is shown by the following figures. The number over 15 years of age attending school was 36; 21 boys and 15 girls.

Schools.	Whole No.	Boys.	Girls.	Av. Attendance.	Terms.	Weeks.
No. 1, High,	31	12	19	17	3	32
Prim'y	44	25	19	35	3	28
No. 2,	26	14	12	16	3	28
3,	9	3	6	6	3	28
4,	7	5	2	5	3	28
5,	16	9	7	8	3	28
6,	16	7	9	13	3	28
7,	8	6	2	7	3	28
8,	15	7	8	11	3	28
9,	11	8	3	6	3	28
10,	16	10	6	12	3	28
	<u>199</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>312</u>

It appears from the treasurer's report, that the whole amount expended for tuition, fuel, and other necessary expenditures is \$2,835.28, an average of \$14.25 per scholar. The treasurer's report follows with a statement in detail of all receipts and expenditures.

C. L. TROW,	} Board of Education.
H. D. HICKS, M. D.	
S. E. DODGE,	

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of all scholars who have neither been absent nor tardy
for the year ending March 1, 1890.

Dist. No. 1,

Primary, Edith M. Pettengill.
 George A. Hill,
 Wilder C. Read.

Dist. No. 3,

Ruby Harris.

Dist. No. 6,

Marion Fowle.
Charlie J. Upham.

Dist. No. 7,

Fred F. Prince.

Dist. No. 8,

Emma G. Hubbard.
Mabel L. Alexander.
Fred W. Hubbard.

Dist. No. 9,

Tommie W. Harvell.

Not absent or tardy for two terms.

Dist. No. 1, High school.

Ada M. Rhoads.

Primary,

Ida M. Read.

Flora B. Staples.

John J. Bethel.

John M. Peacock.

George B. Bills.

Bertie E. Gilmore.

Dist. No. 3,

Mary Wilson.

Florence Barrett.

Ernest Barrett.

Dist. No. 4,

Winfield S. Bullard.

Dist. No. 6,

Ethel O. Peaslee.

Edna L. Nash.

Ernest H. Peaslee.

Harry H. Lynch.

Walter Fuller.

Dist. No. 8,

Elsie R. Crooker.
Emma Alexander.

Dist. No. 10,

Florence B. Whiting.
Jimmie Whiting.

Not absent or tardy for one term.

Dist. No. 1, High school.

Grace P. Parkhurst,
Luna A. Parkhurst.
Annie L. Parkhurst.
Dora F. Prince.
Lucy Melendy.
Grace Walker.
Grace Moor.
Lizzie Jacobs.
Florence Bethel.
Eva L. Bills.
Annie Bills.
Willie Hill.

Primary.

Wellie L. Owen.
Hattie G. Hill.
Annie L. Peacock.
Edith L. Taylor.
Frank W. Hanson.
Walter E. Bills.
Byron A. Bills.

Albert W. Peacock.
George T. Gilmore.
George W. Merrill.

Dist. No. 4,

Levi J. Hartshorn.
Elmer F. Trow.

Dist. No. 5,

Annie J. Goss.
Helen J. Currier.
Lizzie B. Mackay.
Charlie A. Philbrick.

Dist. No. 6,

Mamie B. Upham.
Katie V. Jackson.
Frankie Fuller.

Dist. No. 7,

Annie G. Sargent.
Ralph H. Sanborn.

Dist. No. 8,

Minnie Johnson.

Dist. No. 9,

George L. Bidwell.
Clifton J. Goodwin.

Dist. No. 10,

Lilla A. Ward.
Roger Ward.
Walter D. Holbrook.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

MARCH 1ST, 1890.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

SPRING TERM.

Joseph T. F. Burrell,	\$166 66	
Fannie L. Dodge,	72 00	
Cordelia Melendy,	63 00	
Annie L. Boutelle,	63 00	
Anna C. Whiting,	54 00	
Mary E. Howe,	63 00	
Mabel A. Spencer,	54 00	
Julia A. Rice,	63 00	
Emma F. Trow,	63 00	
Susie J. Chickering,	58 50	
Jennie W. Beal,	63 00	
		\$783 16

FALL TERM.

Joseph T. F. Burrell,	\$166 66
Fannie L. Dodge,	81 00
Cordelia Melendy,	63 00
Annie L. Boutelle,	63 00
Anna C. Whiting,	58 50
Susie J. Chickering,	63 00

Lilla M. Clark,	\$58 50	
Emma Fuller,	63 00	
Emma F. Trow,	63 00	
Cora Holbrook,	63 00	
Jennie W. Beal,	63 00	
		\$805 66

WINTER TERM.

Jennie W. Beal,	\$110 00	
Fannie L. Dodge,	90 00	
Grace Smiley,	70 00	
Annie L. Boutelle,	70 00	
Anna C. Whiting,	65 00	
Susie Chickering,	70 00	
Lilla M. Clarke,	70 00	
Grace P. Parkhurst,	60 00	
Emma F. Trow,	70 00	
Cora Holbrook,	70 00	
Emma Fuller,	70 00	
		\$815 00

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Simon Ayer, cutting and putting in,	\$3 00
Cyrus Cross, kindling,	2 00
Albert Chickering, cutting and putting in,	4 00
Frank W. Noyes,	16 50
Robt. Converse,	34 50
Drucker & Whiting,	9 00
Chas. E. Hagar, cutting,	2 50
Isaiah Berry,	2 00
C. L. Trow,	28 38
Johu C. Philbrick, putting in,	50
A. M. Philbrick,	8 25
Harry A. Philbrick, cutting,	2 50
H. T. Harvell,	11 00

C. H. Burnham,	\$11 87	
J. H. Drucker,	8 00	
F. C. Taylor, coal,	20 03	
John G. Peacock, sawing,	2 50	
Robt. Atkinson, “	2 50	
John Buckley, “	3 44	
F. P. Knight,	1 25	
Elmer Parkhurst,	1 50	
C. L. Trow,	9 00	
		\$184 22

REPAIRS.

John Carlton, repairing clock,	\$ 50
R. T. Knight, saddle boards,	1 20
J. C. Boutelle, laying shingles,	45 00
Elmer Parkhurst, labor and stock,	6 50
John Carlton, cleaning and repairing clock,	75
D. K. Marvell, painting,	35 00
Elmer Parkhurst, repairing,	4 90
F. C. Bills, carting shingles,	5 50
C. E. Kendall & Co., shingles,	152 00
A. C. Hardy, painting and papering,	10 00
W. F. French, glass,	75
E. C. Batchelder, paper,	4 42
Emerson & Sons, chairs,	5 20
D. K. Marvell, painting,	16 40
C. Haseltine, carting shingles,	1 50
F. C. Taylor, tins and zinc,	1 42
Clark & Sloan, nails and paint,	7 38
D. K. Marvell, painting,	30 39
J. P. Nourse, repairing window cords etc.,	5 98
D. K. Marvell, glazing,	2 25
W. F. French, sash cord, etc.,	2 75
E. K. Burt, laying floor,	13 20
C. L. Trow, seeing after repairs,	6 25

F. C. Taylor, grate etc.,	\$4 10	
		\$363 34

SUPPLIES.

D. S. Burnham, call bell.	\$ 25	
C. L. Trow, teacher's certificates,	37	
Edson C. Eastman, stationery, books, etc.,	4 66	
E. S. Ritchie & Sons, school supplies,	6 00	
Clark & Sloan, "	9 34	
Mrs. J. A. Wheeler, books,	81	
Frank L. Junkins, feather duster,	50	
C. L. Wilkins & Co., books, crayons, &c.,	10 73	
Mrs. S. E. Dodge, stationery,	50	
H. D. Hicks, stamps and stationery,	1 00	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, arithmetic blanks,	4 32	
		\$38 48
Reserved for Dists. 11 and 12,	37 86	
Care of school houses,	84 38	
Cleaning "	14 65	
Insuring "	64 00	
C. L. Wilkins, auditing,	2 00	
P. W. Dodge, "	2 00	
" telegram,	65	
C. L. Trow, money paid for express &c.,	1 80	
		\$207 34

BALANCE SHEET.

DR.

Insurance fund 1888, omitted by error from last report,	\$64 00	
Town appropriation,	2,000 00	
Raised in school meeting,	400 00	
" for insurance,	64 00	
Interest on Lawrence Fund,	56 00	
Literary Fund,	183 82	
Dog Tax,	233 00	
Mont Vernon,	14 40	
New Boston,	26 19	
		\$3,041 41

CR.

Deficiency March 1, 1889,	\$ 1 42	
Teachers' salaries,	2,403 82	
Fuel,	184 22	
Supplies,	38 48	
Dists. 11 and 12,	37 86	
Care of school houses,	84 38	
Cleaning "	14 65	
Insuring "	64 00	
Auditing school accounts,	4 00	
Telegrams, express &c.,	2 45	
Balance,	206 13	
	<u> </u>	\$3,041 41

REPAIRS.

DR.

Balance March 1, 1889,	\$5 94	
Raised in school meeting,	400 00	
	<u> </u>	\$405 94

CR.

Paid for repairs,	\$363 34	
Balance,	42 60	
	<u> </u>	\$405 94

TOWN OF MERRIMAC, DIST. 11 & 12.

DR.

Balance March 1, 1889,	\$69 94	
Reserved for districts,	37 86	
	<u> </u>	\$107 80

Cost of schools for the year, \$2,835.28.

H. D. HICKS, M. D., TREASURER.

This certifies that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer of the Board of Education, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN, }
FRANK L. JUNKINS, } AUDITORS.

AMHERST, N. H., March 3d, 1890.

